

course in that college and return to their own people who could calculate the blessings that would follow?

Space forbids the long pathetic story of their hungering and striving for Christian education. If you want any particulars in regard to this need write me and I shall be glad to inform you.

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I am a native of Ashland, Pennsylvania, and would appreciate anyone from my native State lending a helping hand to so needy a cause, and one that would bring such rich returns to the people with whom I am laboring.

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ABRAHAM AND THE BAGDAD R. R.

Abraham and his family dwelt near Haran after leaving Ur of the Chaldees on their long pilgrimage to the South. Haran is situated on one of the smaller tributaries of the Euphrates and was once the meeting place of the Syrian, Assyrian and Babylonian caravan routes, joining Damascus, Nineveh and Carchemish and their tributary lands. As the seat of the Moon-God Sin, Haran had a religious significance.

Today Haran is one of the fine new stations on the Bagdad Railway, and at this point a branch line is to run to Urfa, farther north. So far, the irrigation schemes of Sir W. Willcocks have not affected Northern Mesopotamia, but being situated on the through line of the new railway between Europe and Bagdad, and the junction point to the city of Urfa, with its 55,000 inhabitants, Haran is likely to come again into its own.

The houses in Haran are built in the shape of a beehive, as neither stone nor wood are available, and this form of hut does away with the necessity for roof timbers.

The heavy, clumsy shovels may soon be supplanted by modern gangplows and reapers, for, unlike Syria and Palestine, Mesopotamia has thousands of square miles of level alluvial land, which will respond quickly to modern methods of agriculture, while up-to-date transportation methods and adequate protection will encourage settlers.

Even under the present primitive methods, Mesopotamia exports large quantities of grain and in the event of a prolonged war will be Germany's principal hope for additional food supply. As there are only nine inhabitants to the square mile, Mesopotamia will be a fertile field for colonization in the event of the break-up of Turkey.—The Christian Herald.

A BISHOP ASHAMED OF HIMSELF.

A Methodist Missionary Bishop, visiting in 1912 the Southern Presbyterian Mission at Luebo in the Belgian Congo, writes:

"A marvelous work is this; the great congregation here of from 1,000 to 1,200; an attendance of 800 at Sunday-school last Sunday during a heavy rain; I heard 500 children repeat the Sermon on the Mount, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer and at least twenty hymns; and this morning at six o'clock a prayer-meeting, in the midst of a dense and penetrating fog. I am fond of a morning nap, but I can not lie in bed when that bell rings, and realize that several hundred half-clad people shivering with cold will come of their own free will to engage in an earnest morning prayer for their families and their unconverted neighbors. No wonder the fire burns in their hearts. Such devotion will kindle a flame anywhere.

"Then add the fact that forty-four native teachers went out this morning to forty-odd villages or hamlets and taught the Scriptures until nine, came back walking from two to four miles, and took part in the teaching of boys and girls under the great shed, and all this without a bite to eat. I tell you it makes me ashamed of my religious life. It makes me feel like mending my ways."

Of the spirit of the native Christians, who a few years ago were savages and often cannibals, this eye-witness writes further:

"My soul rejoiced within me at this great piece of evangelism, wrought out by the Southern Presbyterian missionaries in twenty-one years.

"A mere handful of white and colored missionaries have gathered about them 8,000 earnest Christians, and out of this number 300 teachers and

evangelists, who, while they themselves are under training, have daily under instruction thousands of children and grown people. Do you wonder that my soul stirred when I think of this being carried on for a nine days' journey on foot in almost every direction from Luebo as the base or center, and by laymen? Not one ordained preacher as yet, and 200 of the force of 300 self-supporting.

"What a challenge to the laymen of our Church! We have never fully utilized this great contingent at home. Here is an illustration from the foreign field of what can be done. These men are not preachers. They do not pretend to be. They are Christian school teachers; they are expounders of the word of God as they themselves have been taught; they organize cottage prayer meetings and establish and superintend Sunday-schools. They know God. I rarely have heard such prayers. They have learned how to talk with God, and with a devoutness of spirit which is marvelous. They are leading the people in the way of truth and right living.

"The work of these men and that of their missionary leaders is rooted and grounded in faith and in prayer. Think of three hundred turning out every morning of the year to 6 o'clock prayer meeting. Think of a semi-circle of cottage prayer meetings at Luebo every Wednesday night extending for two miles. I heard the singing from half a hundred different points while I was walking through the mission compound or campus, on my way to conduct the missionary prayer service in English. Is there any wonder that we felt that night the presence of our Lord? I thank God for what I have seen and heard. The half had not been told me."

PRESIDENT APPOINTS SPECIAL WAR RELIEF DAYS.

By act of Congress, the President has appointed October 21 and 22 as days for the relief of the suffering among the Armenians and Syrians.

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America will send out the appeal to all the churches for a generous response. The American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief will seek to reach every community in the land, in an effort to relieve a distress greater than any the world has ever before witnessed.

Pastors are urged to set apart Sunday, October 22, for this purpose. Sermon material will be furnished to all the pastors by the Federal Council.

CHINA'S NEW PRESIDENT THE MAN FOR THE HOUR.

"Since the death of Yuan Shi Kai," writes Rev. J. L. Hendry, a Southern Methodist missionary in Huchow, China, "political conditions have been improving rapidly. In a short while the Republic of China will be far more firmly established than ever before and a new order of things will come about, greatly to the advantage of the people. The new president, Li Yuen Hung, is the man for the hour. Both north and south will stand by him in his earnest efforts to restore law and order."



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